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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-338431, which was published on December 7, 2001 together with patent family member European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 102 251, which was published on May 23, 2001. Applicants note that the Japanese patent document is discussed on pages 3-6 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-372665, which was published on December 26, 2002, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0058776 to SAKAMOTO, which was published on March 27, 2003;

U.S. Patent Applicatoin Publication No. 2002/0172132 to TAKEUCHI et al.,
which was published on November 21, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,191,889 to MARUYAMA, which issued on February 20, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,624,942 to MARUYAMA et al., which issued on September 23,
2003;

U.S. Patent No. 6,088,322 to BROOME et al., which issued on July 11, 2000; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,473,387 to MARUYAMA et al., which issued on October 29,
2002.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and
cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the
documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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